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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: INTENSIFIED SOMALI HARASSMENT OF ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY

REF: MOGADISCIO 1775

1. ETHIOPIANS INFORM US THAT SOMALI SECURITY HARASSMENT HAS INCREASED TO POINT WHERE THEIR STAFF PREVENTED ANY MOVEMENT OUTSIDE EMBASSY AND THEY HELD VIRTUALLY INCOMMUNICADO, ALTHOUGH THEIR TELEPHONE STILL OPERATING. AMBASSADOR'S REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FROM FONSEC, FONOFF DG, AND POLICE HAVE BEEN UN-PRODUCTIVE. AMBASSADOR SENDING FOLLOWING CABLE THROUGH OUR CHANNELS TO ETHIOPIAN PRIME MINISTER AKLILU.

2. FOLLOWING IS ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY'S ROUGH ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF AMHARIC TEXT:

"MY LEFT AND THAT OF STAFF SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED. WE ARE INCOMMUNICADO.

"A. SINCE MY CABLE OF YESTERDAY TO YODIT, ATTEMPTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO RUN OVER TWO OF OUR FIRST SECRETARIES WHO WERE WALKING HOME.

"B. REMAINDER OF STAFF PREVENTED BY FIVE SECURITY CARS FROM DRIVING HOME -- BLOCKING THEIR WAY.

"C. FOUR STAFF MEMBERS WENT TO NEARBY TRAFFIC POLICE OFFICE
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REQUESTING POLICE ESCORT WHICH WAS NOT RPT NOT PROVIDED.

"D. I REQUESTED KENYAN AMBASSADOR TO BRING TO CHANCERY FAMILY OF ONE OF STAFF MEMBERS WHERE THEY SPENT NIGHT.

"E. OUR ONLY EMBASSY DRIVER WHEN WALKING HOME WAS STOPPED AND ROUGHED UP BY TWO SECURITY PEOPLE.

"F. REQUEST APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT SIAD HAS NOT YET MATERIALIZED AND AM DOUBTFUL IT WILL BE GRANTED.

"G. HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH FONSEC ARTEH BUT HAVE TALKED TO ABDURAHMAN, THE DG, AND REQUESTED POLICE PROTECTION. NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE.

"H. IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO CARRY ON UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES. URGENTLY REQUEST REVIEW AND INSTRUCTIONS.

"I. IN ANY CASE, I DON'T BELIEVE RECIPROCAL MEASURES AGAINST YXMALI EMBASSY ADDIS WOULD BE HELPFUL SINCE THIS WOULD PROBABLY MAKE MATTERS EVEN WORSE HERE.

"J. URGENTLY REQUEST CYPHER MACHINE NOW IN ADDIS BE SENT TO US IN NEXT POUCH.

3. AMHARIC TEXT:

LEKIBUR T Z AKLILU - PRIME MINISTER
YIHEN TELEGOEM YEMILIKIW YERASENA YEMBASSIW SHUMOGH HIYWET
BESIGAT HONO NEW STOP INCOMMUNICADOM HONENAL

A. LEKIBIRT YODIT TILANT TELEGRAM KELAKUGN BEHUALA HULETOO
ANDEGNA TSEHAFIWOCHACHIN YEMINORUBET KEMBASSIW YEMILEYEW ATIR
BICHA BEMEHONU WEDEZIAW BEGRACHEW SIHEDU YESECURITY SEWOCH
BEMEKINA LIDITWACHEW MOKIREWAL;

B. YEKERUTIM TSHEHAFIWOCH WEDEYEBETESSEBACHEW LEMEHEH
BEMEKINACHEW BIMOKIRU AMIST YESECURITY MEKINAWOCH MENGEDUN
ZEGTEWBACHEW TEMELISEWAL;

C. BEZIHU YETENESSA BEKIRBU WEDEMIGEGNEW YETRAFIK POLICE
TABIA ARATUNIM TSHEHAFIWOCH LIKE YEPOLICE ESCORT TEYIKEN
LEMAGGNET ALCHALNIM;

D. KENEZIH ANDEGNAW BETESEB SILALEW YEKENYAN AMBASSADOR
BESILK TERCHE BALBETUNA HULET HITSANAT LIJOCHUN WEDE EM-
BASSIACHIN ASGEBTEWULINAL;

E. BEMASSIW YALEWUN AND BICHA SHUFER BETU MENGED LAY TEBIKEW
NOEZET YESECURITY BALDEREBOCH SIGOSHMUT TEMELKACH SILEDERESEBACHEW
BETAM SAIGODUT TITEWUT HEDEWAL;

F. KEGENERAL SIAD GAR BEASCHEKUAY LETEYEKUT KETERO GENA
ALAGENAGNUGNIM. MINALBATIM YAKOYUGN YIHONAL;
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G. TILANT MATA ARTEN LEMAGGNET SILAKATEGN MIKITILUN IBETU
BESILK SILAGEGNEHUT GUDAYUN BESEFIW NEGRE ASCHEKUAY YEPOLICE
TIBIKA INDIASDERIGILIN ASASIBEWALHU. ISKAHUN MINIM YETEDERE
NEGER YELEM;

H. BEAHUNU HUNETA YEMBASSIWIN TEGBAR LEMEFETSEM ASCHEGARI
NEWINA GUDAYU BETIBIK TASIBOBET MERI TIZAZ INDILAKILGN
ASTAWSALEHU;

I. LEMANACHEWIM ADDIS ABEBA LAY BEEMBASSYACHEW TEMESASAY

IRMIJA BIWESED INESU GUDAYUN BEMATENKER ADEGEGNA HUNETA LIFE-
TRUBIN SILEMIMELESU LEGIZEW YERECEPROCITY IRMIJA BAYIWESED
RPT BAYIWESED YISHLAL;

J. LEIDISAT YETELAKEW YEMELIKT MASTELALEFIA MESARIACHIN
BESEGNO POUCH INDAIKERIBIN ADERA ELALEHU. (SIGNED) AYALEW.

4. COMMENT: UNDER PREVAILING CIRCUMSTANCES BELIEVE WE SHOULD
EXTEND WHAT ASSISTANCE WE CAN TO BELEAGUERED ETHIOPIANS. HOW-
EVER, THEY AGREE WITH US THAT SUPPORT OF OTHER MISSIONS HERE
WOULD BE MORE HELPFUL TO THEIR CAUSE. HAVE SUGGESTED THAT
ETHIOPIANS CONTACT SOVIET AMBASSADOR WHO IS DEAN OF DIPLOMATIC
CORPS TO SEE WHAT HELP HE CAN GIVE. AS NOTED IN PARA 2 ABOVE,
KENYAN AMBASSADOR HAS BEEN HELPFUL.
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